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## DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS REJECTED TRAINING PLEA

Southern and Western Members of House, It is Pointed Out, Think People Oppose Universal Service.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Teamwork is an essential in party movement, and President Wilson's defeat at the hands of the caucus of Democratic members of the House of Representatives, which refused to take his advice about universal military training, is an excellent example of the loose connection of the line of communication between the White House and Capitol Hill, a circumstance that has, on more than one occasion, threatened to be troublesome, but has never come to the surface so clearly as in the vote of 107 to 28 against a White House request.

The president has been accused so much that he is not aware of what is going on inside his own party. There was no real necessity for a caucus of Democrats to declare against universal military training. The Republican leadership of Representative Mondell had already expressed unqualified opposition to the scheme on the ground of expense.

There was, moreover, no necessity for a letter from the White House to the Democrats advising them on the matter, for once the caucus was called—and the plan to hold it was made public—a week—the president might have discovered, on consulting any well-informed member of the Democratic party in the house, that the preponderant sentiment was against universal military service or training, that has any compulsory feature in it.

**President's Action.**

But Mr. Wilson, without finding out the situation in the house, sent a letter, not merely advising that the Democrats hold their time and wait for the Democratic convention to determine what shall be the issue of the Democratic party in the campaign, but giving at the same time, an endorsement of the universal military training plan.

Had he failed to commit himself and merely urged a postponement, the blow that came in the vote of 107 to 28 would not have been a difference of opinion as to the proper time to make a declaration on the subject and not a declaration of opposition to the principle of military training approved by the president and Secretary Baker and the general staff of the army.

It is about time that the executive branch of the government discovered that, unperfected as the opinion may be, the general staff is hardly popular in Capitol Hill. Memories of the brusque treatment received by members of the house and senate during the war, when they used to sit cooling their heels outside the offices of lieutenants, captains, colonels and generals, are only too fresh in the minds of our legislators, who never forget such things any more.

But, fundamentally, the Democratic members of the house who are opposed to military training, hail from the West and the South.

As for the latter section, members say their constituents are absolutely opposed to military training, largely because of a fear that to arm the youth of the country three months of the year might make it difficult to handle said youth in the other nine months.

Southern members are always sensitive about any piece of legislation that touches the race question, and they are having too many post-war troubles on the race question anyway to experiment with universal military training in time of peace.

As for the West, the objection seems to be that farm labor is scarce enough as it is, and that the dislocation to agriculture caused by the war-time conscription is too recent to permit of any peace-time scheme that is even remotely analogous to the selective draft.

There are Western members, of course, who argue in favor of military training on the ground that it helps the health of the nation's youth and gives us a preparedness for war which we did not have when the European war came.

But the trend seems to be to return to the same state of suspicion about a large military establishment now as the West had when President Wilson campaigned for Secretary Garrison's continental army and reserve system.

Members from the West say their constituents are not exercised over the possibility of another big war for the next 10 years at least, because the world is in a state of economic and financial exhaustion.

The question is by no means disposed of. The Republican party is in control of both branches of the government and must soon declare itself. The result of the Republican leaders of the house against the senate leaders on this issue is due to the same line of reasoning which Western Democrats have advanced.

Even with the support of the American Legion, it is doubtful whether the plan would go through, as Republicans and Democrats fear the women voters are opposed to the scheme, that farmers don't want it, and that organized labor is far from enthusiastic about the creation of a large federal force that might upon occasion be used for strike duty.

**President Disappointed.**

President Wilson is unquestionably disappointed that his party did not follow him. Some of his friends have never believed he was so popular, keen for universal military training himself, though he has indicated the idea before. With the proviso that it would be accompanied by vocational education.

His perfunctory attitude, heretofore had not a little to do with the calm way in which house Democrats ignored his communication on the subject. Insofar as the Democrats are being taught today with having rebuked their leader in the White House, many of them say it was merely a difference of opinion on one question, and does not involve the entire subject of the Wilson leadership, as they argue will be demonstrated whenever the occasion for such a show-down arises.

But disinterested observers can not be so impressed with the fact that, as it becomes apparent that Woodrow Wilson is not going to run for a third term, his leadership hangs in the balance. Each Democrat at the house is inclined to shift for himself this presidential year or at least until a candidate is nominated at San Francisco to lead the Democratic party anew.

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**LUMBER MEETING PUT OFF FOR FLU**

Two regular meetings of Memphis lumbermen's organizations will not be held this week because of the influenza flu. One of these is the meeting of the local chapter of the American Lumbermen's Association, set for Friday at the Hotel Gayoso. The other is the bi-weekly meeting of the Lumbermen's club, set for Saturday at the Hotel Gayoso.

**MANY PAY TRIBUTE TO MRS. MATTHEWS**

Moral tributes from many friends were piled high on the bier of Mrs. Susan Van Matthews when funeral services were conducted at the residence, 2851 Young avenue, Tuesday afternoon. The choir of the St. Paul's Methodist church sang. Mrs. Matthews was a devoted member of that church. The body Wednesday night was shipped to Jackson, Miss., her former home, for interment.

Mrs. Matthews is survived by her husband, J. J. Matthews, and a number of brothers and sisters, several of whom were at the funeral.

## NEGRO SLAYER TAKEN SAFELY AWAY FROM LEXINGTON, KY.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Feb. 11.—William Lockett, convicted murderer of 10-year-old Geneva Hardman, who is to pay the death penalty for his crime March 11, was removed from Lexington at 8 o'clock last night on a special train bound for Eddyville, where he will be placed in a death cell of the state penitentiary, according to Brig.-Gen. Francis Marshall, in command of federal troops here.

Removal of Lockett from the courthouse to the train was accomplished without incident. He was marched in the center of a group of picked soldiers to the station and accompanied out of the city by more than 400 troops.

The greatest secrecy was maintained by military officials. A half hour before removal of the negro all telephone and telegraph companies were ordered not to allow messages of any character to leave the city until after midnight. But few citizens were on the streets when the removal took place and these attempted no demonstration.

Six hundred troops remain in Lexington.

**CROWN PRINCE'S ACT IMPULSIVE**

Major Says Offer to Give Up Was Made Quickly.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 11.—Former crown prince Wilhelm of Germany sent his telegram to the heads of allied governments offering to surrender in place of German troops designated in the allied extradition list, almost on the impulse of the moment, according to an interview with Maj. von Mulheim, the former crown prince's adjutant, published in the Telegraph.

"I took his resolution without thinking long about it. The return of Baron von Lersner from Paris and the serious situation which has arisen in Berlin in consequence prompted the prince to send his telegram. He hopes by this to avert serious difficulties for Germany."

Dutch newspapers describe William's action as a "beautiful gesture."

**ASK LEVEE BIDS.**

The government is advertising for bids for the construction of 62,000 yards of levee on the upper St. Francis levee, the work to be completed by the last day of this year.

The location where the levee is to be constructed is about 10 miles below Hickman, Ky., on the Missouri side of the river and consists of about two miles of new levee and banquettes to be constructed according to Mississippi river commission standard, grade and section.

**200,000 ON STRIKE.**

MILAN, Feb. 11.—Two hundred thousand men employed in chemical factories, including 40,000 workers in pharmaceutical plants, went on strike yesterday for higher wages and a week's annual vacation.

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**The Shop of Culture**

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**Offers To Sell Baby For \$1,000**

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Information which led to the arrest of the three men was furnished by Tony "Chicko," an alleged Boston gunman, who told state's attorney's detective and the police that Carozzo approached him with a proposition to kill Ehrig.

**MASTER PLASTERERS OPPOSE WAGE DEMAND**

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**ACCIDENT VICTIM RESTS IN CALVARY**

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